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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **James Davies et al.**For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

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- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/211,818, filed June 15, 2000 and USSN 60/281,061, filed April 2, 2001, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
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